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(Note concerning Gardner emigration which followed the autobiography)

Joseph A Jackson, 19 Oaklands Ave. Toronto writes: I have received from our Public Archives an additional list of Scottish emigrants, and on the list I was more than pleased to find that of your great-grandfather Robert Gardner. The Vessel was named "The Commerce" and left Glasgow (Greenock Harbor) May 7th, 1821. He had with him two children, a daughter and son, 18 and 13 years of age respectively. Robert Gardner's age was given as 40. The two children would be Mary and William.

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Mill creed Ward Great Salt Lake valey April 10th 1857

Journal of Archibald Gardner & A Breif account of my life before this Date. I was Born in Kilsyth StirlingShire Scotland My Fathers Name was Robert Gardner Son of William Gardner & Cristin Henderson, He my Father was Born at or near Huston town, Scotland And his forefathers before him was also born near the same place. he was Born in the year 1781 March 12th

My Mother Name is Margret Calinder Daughter of Archibald Calinder & Margret Ewen ~~Don~~(scratched out) She was Born at or near Falkirk town StirlingShire Scotland in the year 1777 in January My Father Married My Mother in Glasgow between the age of 19 & 20 years of Age their first child was Margret my Sister She Died aged 9 month & 9 Days by Small Pox. She was Born in Glasgow My Brother William was Born in Glasgow in the year Jan 31 1803. My Sister Christen was Born in Glasgow & Died aged 15 Month & Some Days with the Dregs of Hooping Cough My Sister Mary was Born in Kilsyth StirlingShire Scotland in the year 1807 June 5th My Sister Margret the Second was Born in Kilsyth Stirling Shire Scotland Next & Died aged about 13 or 14 Month old. My Sister Janet was Born in Kilsyth Stirling Shire Scotland about the year 1812 & Died of Typhus Fever in (Dalhousie Bathurst District Eastern Canada west (crossed out) or upper Cannada Ontario) october 1824 ~~The Next was a Girl I being was Born Dead at 8 Month~~ (crossed out) I being Next was Born at the Garril Mill Kilsyth StirlingShire Scotland in the year 1815 Aug 31 the Next was A Girl Born Dead at 8 Month My Brother Robert was Born Kilsyth StirlingShire Scotland in the year 1819 oct 24th.

My Father & Brother William & Sister Mary Emigrated to America in the Spring of 1822 & My Mother Sister Janet with Myself & Robert waited one year expecting to follow the ensuing Spring but not hearing any account only those that would Discourage She My Mother Sold out & Started & got as Far as Glasgow leaving her Sister Lishman & Ann who follow her Next Day with A letter from my Father which had been wrote after he had got Safe accros the ocean only my sister Mary had nearly Died of Small Pox in the ship and there was no account of which way he steered So we all Started aboard the Buchinhorn for Qebeck Passage of five weeks & 3 Days and heard (p.2) Nothing of Father & the Rest until we arived at Presscot above Montreal where he hearing of the wives of 25 men that had left the same way as my Father Did to go and se the country and if it suited to Raise crop for their Familys he Started on foot it being 72 miles from where he took up Land and Met us there at Said Prescott I Mention this the more Particular as that was A time long to be Remembered we traveled 10 Miles where My Brother William was working for A Man by the Name of Gray we got there at Noon when the Men was coming in to dinner and the woman of the house wishing to se them meet called Mother to Se which of these Men was William he being about 18 years old and had in one year growed so tall that before they come to the Door She took Thomas Reed to be him his clothing considerable injured by wear his Scotch Bonnet or cap holes in it his face was sunburned and she did not at first know him he in turn Paid no atention not expecting we was in America but on turning Round they all Burst into tears and although I was only 8 years of age will never forget this meeting and my Fathers

we had a good time & started to Brockville & that Night got Some 20 Miles from Prescot William Leaving his Place & come home with us My Brother caried me on his Back Some of the time & Father caried me Some of the time and once or twice My Mother carried me on her Back when some of the Rest carried Robert My Brother for her which She had carried most of the time he being 2 and half years old and not weaned yet. we arived in Dalhousie where my sister Mary had staid and took care of the Place while my Father was come to meet us She comeing out of the little Log House heard us coming & Run through the wood on the foot Path to meet us but comeing up with her little Dog Snap She on seeing us Burst into tears & Returned to Shanty without Speaking where we all come up and had another Joyfull time having all got safe through the Mercy & Blesing of God to A home in the Woods of America where liberty & Peace & Prospect of Plenty & a free home of our own was A joy that filled every Heart after- (crossed out) after the long Absence which was mixed with So many hopes & fears

To Return to my Father he was Brought of goodly Parents being the youngest of thirrtteen his Father Being an Elder in the Presbeterion Church he was Bound out to Learn to be A House carpenter & comenced working Journey work when young after being Married few years he comenced Keeping Grocery & Taveren Keeping he then Renterd the Garril Mill from the Connal Company where I was Born he had also A farm Doing A good Deal of Buisniss he being a good Scholar (p.3) But times got Poor Business became Dull & the People got Dissatisfied with the Goverment Meetings were held even Privately in our own house or Taveren Skirmish after Skirmish took Place untill the Battle of Banock Burn when Prisoners were taken & Sent to Jail to await there trial although young at that time I Still Remember the Shril Sound of Glass Buggle of My Brother William when it sounded turn out at Midnight at the cross of Kilsyth two Doors from ours the Sound of Doors opening & Shuting along the Street as the Buggle sounded & the companies Passed along, the Din grew Louder as the companies increased William had sent it without Knoledge of this Purpose it was used for

After the Radicals was Defeated at this Battle the Goverment took active measures & crowd Jails & Castles with Prisoners and many honest People was caried away to Prison that had no hands in this affair because of information giving through Spite the Factor of the town having been Defeated in A Law Suit by My Father his great Pride was hurt & he Reeked his vengence on my Father by informing that he was A Rebel he was taken from his Buisness & made Prisoner in Stirling castle to await his trial when the Judges would come in nine weeks they came when Beard & Hardy was condemned & hung & beheaded and A great many Banished to Botany Bay my Father was released without any one to bring any thing against him I remember the Day he came back when crowds came to see him I was then only 5 years old & my Mother took me by the hand & we met him on the Burn green outside of the town my Father had often talked of going to America but after this useage he told my Mother that he wont go if he had to turn Sailor & work his Pasage before he would Stay to be dragged from his home & on Spite & no Redress he would go where he could enjoy liberty So as I mentioned in the first of this he left to find A new home like Lehi & his Family of old and although not Led by Revelation like them the hand of the Lord was in it as we have seen Since

After he Landed in America they took Land in Bathurst District the Government giving it free but it was genarly Rocky and cold a greet number of the Emigrants Staid at their camps to long & So Died of Flue & other Disease and used up their means Some left for the States others went to clear their Land after means was geting Scarse but My Father & William & Mary Started from Lauark their camping place to took Land Next Day and took land 7 miles back in the woods & comenced to Build A Log cabin & packed all their Loggage on their back without a Road throug Swamps & over Logs all their Provisions & all their Seed in the spring Potatoes & everything one time my Father & William was coming home in the (p.4) winter with A back Load of Provisions when one Place My Father went Deeper in the Snow than usual (crossed out) usual and sitting on the Snow Solid snow 3 ft Deep all over Said to William we will have Luck from the cantine but when the cork was Pulled it was frozen it must have been very cold or the Whiskey very Strong Many such incidents I have heard them tell in their Joly Mood

All the Emigrants That Came at that time had hardships to endure Past the common Privations Suffered in New Settlement as they were all in mass (crossed out) mass inexepeired they could not chop and had no teem either to Log or go to Mill or to Harow But the Loged by Hand caried all their Rails on their Shoulder Made Bridges carying the Logs & all their log Houses they would get together and from 4 to 16 men would put hand spikes under it & cary it to the Building Raising Some large Log Buildings 30 or 40 ft long in this way

My Father cleared 10 acres and had it in crop the first year this way & continued to Do So for about three or four years before we had A teem my Brother William went to the eiry cannal & worked out & go Money and brought home A yoke of two year old Steers after being some three years in the country, my Father bought A yoke after four years haveing cleared some 40 acres by hand of heavy timber A good Deal of hemilock carring all the grain to Mill on their Back one year all the Mills was frozen up on account of a Dry fall and hard winter William went to Bottons Mill and Staid 5 Days with A back load and then Did not get My father Brought a Pepper Mill for 2 Dollars and we ground all on it for over A year I have Stuck to it until I was allmost sick of Living but before we got it we lived one winter on bitter or winded Potatoes which was A hard thing the Dog to eat my sister Jannet took Sick with the Typhes Fever we first noticed after complaining of Hiches for some months. She took sick and Next Day told her Mother that She must go to work or her Father would be angry So my Mother come out & told us She never had her senses any more She lived about 3 weeks the Night before She Died they were Pouring Cold water from A tea Kettle on her head She Said let me lie by the Midle of the Night I will be at the Top of the Hill and as She Said at Midnight She went to Rest During that Time we could not get any Flour or Meal but we got a little Coarse Shorts or fine Bran. She Said is that for me, Such Stuff as that but She had no other while she lived (p.5)

after this we began to Make Roads, Build Mills and the Settlers got to understand the country but the Canada Thistle almost Run them out wheat comenced Rust & corn got frozen and we eat Pens bread I will never forget how I hated to eat it at last I got so Sick of that country that I left and took Land in the Township of Warnick having never left my Fathers house before I traveled 1000 miles on foot and got A little of the Rust Rubed of

to Return to my Brother William he got Married in January 1829 to A girl Named Ann Lackey Robert his Son was Born April 3, 1830 John was born oct 24th 1831 Jane was born augt 21st 1833 all in Dalhousie Bathurst District Canada ~~we left~~ (scratched out) but his wife being subject to convulsion fits he had a hard time he cleared A farm on the banks of what was called Mud Lake on the Small Missisipi working hard timber heavy Land Stony and the thistles growing thicker & faster after the hard wood timber was cleared of So that the People could not make Potash the people thought of Leaving A good many of them this was the case with William although we had good times & hard times mixed we used to take the hounds & go to the Lakes & chase the Deer into the Watter and then follow them with A Birch bark canoe and then either Shoot or Kill with clubs we used to go out at night with Bark Lantern along the River Banks haveing the Lantern in the front of the canoe and when we would hear the Deer walking we would light the candle and Paddle canoe upwithin a few Steps the Deer could not se any thing behind the Lantern as it was open in front faceing him So that we could Shoot them nicely we used to go out in the woods and what they called Still hunt this was best when There was A light Snow other times when the Snow was Deep and A thaw came and A crust came on the Snow we would take old watch the old hound & Kill two or three A Day So we used to have Sport that we liked as we could always have plenty of Meat

William was a Keen hunter and Killed A great many Deer & some other game Ducks & Geese Patridge otter &c &c but after I left and went back to winter William his wife & children Started to the New home 500 Miles late in the fall I waited till Spring & then followed I Saw Some hard times that first Sumer after traveling on foot hunting A place to Suit me I comenced to clear the Land I went to A Shanty 2 Miles every Night for about A week So as to have company when one Night (crossed out) afternoon I split my foot with the axe I Run the two Miles (p. 6) with the Blood Runing & then got it Rolled up the Men all left Next day so that went on my-Knee (crossed out) Knees one & half Mile to A Shanty where A Man & his wife lived when I got there the Man went out to work for Provisions only Coming home on Saturday Night I lay in bed Seventeen Days 500 Miles from home to 30 Miles back in the woods when I again went to work William McAlpin & myself changed work we Stuck up Bark on Some cros slept under it when the wolves would yell all night all around us he would (say?) Keep awake let us make fire &c I would say No Danger & go to Sleep as though I wa(s) (in?) best bed Room haveing nothing but the bed cloths we had carried on our back I have pac (ked?) 40 lbs on my back & traveled 50 Miles A Day for Several Day together all I used to ca(rry?) was Dry Bread or crackers for Several weeks and when chopping in the woods we Baked in fry Pan and would Sometimes have a little Pork I had only got one week from cutting my foot the first time when I cut My other ft on Joint of My Great toe and was So vexed at myself that I said I would work no matter how it went and I did not loose over an hour it continued Sore until the time came to go home So I Started to travel over 300 Miles of the 500 that lay between me & my folks and so that was the only time I ever was home Sick but I thought if ever I got back I would value A home but I got over it & never was troubled Since

after Spending the winter among my old aquantance chopping ten acres of heavy timber & cuting & holling one hundred Saw Logs to Raise Means I Started again to the west where william was Wo(rking?) and Raised some crop when in fall my Father & all the Rest came after us So now (you?) See we are all in warwick I Staid at home & took Jobs ocasionaly of chopping for 2 (crossed out) 2 years when I went & looked out A place to Build A Mill 9 miles from where we lived and comenced by the Millright telling me that by having 400 Dollars besides what labour I could Do but the Patriot was comenced my Doin on account of being left before it was finished All went So that in the Spring after there was A Prospect of Peace I had to comence anew only the frame I comenced on the 27 of March & comenced to grind on the 17th of July haveing cost 3300 Dollars but I acomplished the work only (crossed out) I was only A boy and then I worked in the watter and out of the watter to overcome the expence (I atended) the Mill Night & Day alone so that all the Sleep I got was on A Sack while the hopper would hold out and by this got clear of Debt I built A (page torn off) Mill and got along well haveing customs from 300 Miles Round (p. 7) one curcumstance I will Just mention when I first went with two Irishmen to cut (crossed out) cut A Road through the woods of Brooke where I after had the Mill I Staid at A highland Scotchmans house all night when three young Girls come in the first I did not notice nor the Second but when the last one come in although I never (saw) her before nor did She Speack one word of English Something as it were (Sp?)oke to my understanding that is your wife I tried to court and even Marry other (gi?)rls as circumstances seemed against me Marring but could not my mind would always Return to her & upset all my calcutations So at last when I got the Mill Marri (crossed out) (S?)tarted I sent for her to Detroit Distance 100 Miles and got Married on the 10 of Feb 1839 She was Born in Argile Shire Scotland town Loch Gilphlad Oct 12th 1818

Robert was Born Feb 1- 1840 Neil was Born June 24 1841 Archibald was Born in April 10th 1843 Jannet was Born April 9th 1845 all the Township Brooke county Kent western District Canada west we went & built A Grist Mill in the Township of Eniskellin some District 27 Miles by the Road from our home at the other Mill we had good Burr Stones at this Mill good Smutters two Silk Bolts one for country use the other for Merchant work

to Return to my Sister Mary the spring after we had all got to warwick She got Married to George Sweeten March 29th 1836 and lived one & A half Miles from us in Township of Broke he was A farmer She had one Boy Born Dead Dec 25th 1836 if lived his name would have been George Margett was Born Dec 28th 1837 Next was twins A Boy & Girl Dead Born Dec 8 1839 Robert was Born Dec 14th 1840 George her husband Died Dec 24th 1842 (R?)oger Luckham Married her my Sister Mary oct 21th 1844 Mary Luckham was born Aug 15 1845 all in the Township of Brooke county Kent western District Canada west, Susan Luckham was Born in Salt Lake City after She Mary Gardner & her husband had moved to the west haveing become Mormons oct 21th 1848 after they left the city they moved out to Mill creek where they now live April 30th 1857 to Say A little More about my Father he lived in Dalhousie for twelve years & then Moved to Warwick where William & myself had got A A place for him. He Staid in warwick twelve years Robert his younget Son Staying with him he being a Miller when he was young for some few years about (the?) time I was Born the father come & helpt me often at my Grist (page torn here) Brook township nine Miles from his Farm (p.8)

Robert My Brother was Born (crossed out) Married in the year 1841 March 17th Canada County Kent Father Sold out & Moved to the west with us when we became Mormons he lived on Mill creek till the Day of his Death he was Baptized in the year 18 Mill creek ward. By John Borrowman he Received his Endowments the Same time as we all Did Mother & all his children being in the year 1852 he was ordained A High Priest under the hands of in the year 185 he Died in the little house on the hill in Great Suffering for about two or three weeks with the gravel in the year 1855 Nov 20th and was Burried in his Temple Clothing in the Burying Ground of S Lake City leaving Mother in the little house where She now lives being now over 6- (crossed out) 80 years of Age. (The following sentence is marked out on the original copy and there is a notation indicating that it was marked out by mistake) Robert Son of Robert my Brother was Born in Warwick County Kent Canada west in the Month of Dec (crossed out) Dec 31 1841 Mary his daughter was Born Feb 13th 1843 Warwick township County Kent western Districk Canada west Margret his Daughter was Born Sep 11th 1844 Same Place, William his Son was Born May 22 1846 Toway Territory united States while on our Journey to the west or Salt Lake Robert his oldest Son died Aug 13th 1847 Deer Creek Platt River while we was Journeying to S Lake at Panee Village or Indian town he fell out of the waggon & bothe front and hind Wheels Run over him he lived Some three or four weeks after (crossed out) never having any Passage after and was Burried at the above Named Place

Sarah his Daughter was Born Nov 28th 1848 Mill Creek S L County Elizabeth his Daughter was Born Jan 12th 1851 Same Place James his Son was Born May 10th 1853 Same place Thomas his Son was Born July 23 1855 Same place, all of these eight children belonging to Jane McKeun his first Wife Robert My Brother Married Syntha Bory Aug 5 1851 in Salt Lake City John his Son was Born July 8 1852 at Jordan Mills S L County Royal his Son was Born April 10th 1854 on Mill Creek Salt Lake County Jannet his Daughter was Born March 17th 1856 on Mill creek & Said county Robert My Brother married Mary Ann Carr July 20th 1856 in Salt Lake City he Started on his mission to Canada on the 23th of April 1857 with A handcart and a crippled leg (p.9) I went with him to the city on the 22 helping him to Hall the hand Cart to the city Returned home and on the Morning of the 23 went again & Seen them Start up the Emigration Kanyon helping to Draw the hand cart from the City to that place Some 5 Miles

to Return to my Brother William he comenced clearing Land in Warwick Land good but heavy timber & back in the woods A long way from the old Settlements & Navigation his Son William was Born in Warwick & William My Brother could not work on account of his Wife having fitts She fell in the fire and Burned herself Severely her hand was Burned to A cinder her throat was Burned nearly through her face was Badly Disfigured her senses was gone on account She had no Memory So he took her Back 500 Miles to her Fathers as She had 3 Sisters at home So that they could take care of her until his children would grow up to take care of her as he had Just to Watch her all the time to Keep her out of the fire She got entirely out of her head & would Run to the woods one Day as they had A large Kettle of Watter on the fire She took A fit & fell into the Kettle of Boiling watter Scalding herself So that she Died in A few Days Leaving William her son in the charge of his Grandfather & Grandmother where he has Remained ever

Since being now 22 years old or near it after his Wife Died he Married my Wifes Sister Janet Livingston he first Daughter by her was Margret Born in Warwick county Kent Western Districk Canada west Neil was Born Same Place in Jannet was Born Same Place Duncan was Born in Salt Lake county Mill Creek. Archibald was Born Same county on Big Cottonwod Brigham was Born Same Place Big Cottonwood Heber was Born Same Place Jedediah was Born Same place in fall of 1856

William Married him another Wife Named Mary Smith She was Born Township of Western District Canada west ann and same fall William & Family Moved to Cash valey where he Now Resides

his Son Robert Died in warwick aged John his Next got Married on the to a Girl Named Elizabeth hill he Started to Se his Father and in crossing the Mountain alone he got as suposed (p.10) tired out & was frozen to Death only Some half A Mile from the Fort his Father living Some 5 Miles from there he was not found for about eight Days he lef Box elder on the Morning of the no Doubt Died that Night and was found on the not being Disturbed by Birds or wolves Jane his Williams Daughter was Married to Rowsel Braford on March 3 1852 my Second Wife Abgails Son his (Rowsel Braford) first A Son Rawsel by Name was Born on Mill creek Salt Lake County in my house on Mill creek April 23 1853 Ann his Daughter was Born Same County March 26th 1855 this is all the great Grand Children except a little Girl John Gardner that was Frozen to Death left Named Emirine Elizebeth Born Mill creek S'L County haveing Giveing A Short history of My Relations I will Return to my own history My Son Archibald Died aged 18 Month in the Same place he was Born Jannet Died aged 18 Month in Winter Quaters Bothe of Bowel Hives Dying ~~Same-en-day~~ (crossed out) Same Day of the Month and Born only one Day of the Month Diferent two years Apart we haveing Joined the Mormons sold out or give away all our property consisting of 2 good Grist Mills one Saw Mill & 500 acres of Land only geting for our first Grist & Saw mill 1699 Dollars it being valued 6000 Just before I Joined the Church I Sold the other for 2200 Dollars work 5000 leaving all out Standing Debts also A contract of Stoves that had cost me over 1000 Dollars besides my Winters work haveing Joined with two other Partners because they could not cary on the work they being Bound under A Penalty of 1200 Dollars to have them in the River by A certain Day by me going in they was to give us time but on hearing that I was going to leave, they Swore out A Capis for me So I left 6,000 Stoves all Culled on the bank of the River at the price of 50 Dollars per 1000 haveing born about half the Expences and concluded to loose it all as I Knew they expected to take all my means I had to Move with & So the Devil inspired them to Destroy me if they could but I put my trust in the Lord and Started from where I was ten Miles south of my old Mill coming to my Mother in Laws and Borrowing A horse Past my old Place and went out ten Miles to my Fathers where all my folks was & my Wife & Family & staid 2 hours biding them all farewell leaving the home of my Youth where I had Some happy Days as far as Gentill happyness goes & where I had spent many A Drop of Sweat & Done A great Deal of hard work leaving My Wife Sick started trusting in the Lord that he would Preserve them & me until we would meet again I traveled 30 Miles in the Night Starting after Dark I arrived at Port Tarnia

at Day break on the Banks of the River St Clair which divides Canada from the States I started towards the River in hopes to cross on the Ice being about the first of March But to my Awfull Disapointment the Ice had given way and it was crowding out of Lake Huron So that the cakes of ~~a~~ (crossed out) ice was Raising on their edge sometimes 10 ft high there was A little Peice of the Bay that had not broken up I had already started on this Meditating on the Situation I was placed in leaving my Family and my country as an exile not even Knowing what was up, with the River I heard A Sound as it were of Alarm I Raised my head and found where I was Walking was all in a tremble and in casting my eyes to the River I saw the Tumult at intervals I could se the people on the oposite side of Black River viliage having gathered by hundreds and as they saw me approach the ice they would shout almost in Mass waving hankercheifs & hats for me to stay back I could se Down the River for about 10 Miles and it was all in Motion I stood and beheld the scene with intence interest when the crowding of the Runing ice was Raising the solid ice under my feet & I was obliged to Retreat to shore for safety & then I could se the people on the oposite side Plain as the bank was some 20 ft high I could then look over the Roling ice which was then going at the Rate of Seven Miles an hour at least that is the Rate the River Runs at that place I stept up the streets to se John Anderson to tell him to watch and se me across so that he could tell what become of me as he had come with me all the way from My Fathers house to se me Safe out of Canada (& I had only 50 Dollars on me at the time & I paid him Anderson ten Dollars of this money to go & tell my folks) I told him I was going over safe I went Down to the Bank of the River & I prayed O Lord the God of Ancient Israiel thou Knowes the Desires of thy Servents Heart and as I am fleeing from my enimies so that I can gather with thy saints and I have not done wrong but seek to Keep thy Comandments (p.12) will thou have Mercy on thy servant & stop this ice that I may be Delivered and that I may not fall into the hands of my enymies and at this time all fear vanished and I for once felt the Power of Faith if I never had before neither had I to the same extent in such A case as this I started. The Sun had struck by this time the tall Pines behind the viliage to the west across the river (different writing) & now the crowd which had watched my Movements from the high ground begun their shouting I stepped toward the Broken ice and the Noice of the ice had ceaced which had made A Noice like some watter fall and all was silence exept the voices of the inhabitants of Black River there was an opening where I first left the unbroken part of some ten feet which I took A Running Jomp and landed to the Knees in the Slush I Kept on climbing over cakes & Piles of Slush & Broken ice which had been So from waves in the Lake Huron which was only three miles of (up) Sometimes I had to go Round where the water Boiled & whirled I had to go this way Nearly one Mile as the River here is A Mile & eight Rods wide & there was only A few Rods unbroken when I came to the Shore they reached me A Small oak Rail I sprang from the Broken ice Steping on the Midle of the ~~Rarl~~ (crossed out) Rail & then on shore & felt to thank God when some said he must be a Mormon others the Devil is in the Man Mrs. DavinPort stept up I having been acquainted with her & said what A fright I had given her. I told her by shakeing my head to be still & so started through the crowd Passing allong leaving them in consternation Some Saying what Does this Mean who ever saw the ice

stop in this way as I had not Rested for 60 Miles through Bad Roads
 in the breaking up of Spring and had eat very little I called at A
 tavern & took A glass of spirits which I had not tasted for some years
 & then went about 2 Miles when I came to myself being sleepy & tired
 the long lonesome Journey before me of Seven hundred Miles on foot &
 alone to Navo and leaving my Family sick & then yet in the hands of
 enimies all Rushed to my mind so I prayed O Lord though did hear my
 Prayer for which I thank thee in stoping the ice if it is not too much
 send a teem that I may get A ride as I am not yet out of the hands of
 my enimies but what they may trace as the People saw me cross the
 river when I had prayed A few words I looked & Saw two teems close to
 me I said I will Know if they are sent of the Lord if they will call
 me to Ride So they Drove up & called out Friend do you wish to Ride
 I answered yes & said in my heart God Bless you So (p.13) So the
 teamster Never asked my Name nor where I was from but I praised the
 horses & he Drove through Mud & ice for about 45 Miles & the farther
 he went the better they got I do not Know of Seeing even A wet hair on
 the horses & he lift me at A vilage Some 20 Miles from Detroit Some
~~101~~ (crossed out) (60 Miles from Pt. Eure) *different writing*
 hundred & ten Miles from where I had started without sleep or any
 Refreshment as soon as I stept out of the waggon he Drove of without
 even asking me for pay of giveing me time to thank him he sent A man
 Next Morning for 50 cts I Sent him A dollare I then went A foot to
 Detroit & took the Rail cars got to Kalimizo in 10 hours from Detroit
 Distance 140 Miles from Detorit & 250 form home I then felt Safe &
 went on my way Rejoicing Changing my name almost every Day so that I
 could not be traced took A Boat at Peru & went Down to Bryants
 Landing thence A foot to Navo Pasing throug Carthage being showed the
 place where Joseph was Killed by a Mormon I road with who was going to
 Navo I staid 11 Day in Navo & then Started Back taking with me John
 Borrowman going by the way of St Louis staid about A week at A farm
 house expectig to se my folks Pass but lest they might had Passed we
 went on to Juliet and while we went into A tavren to engage or Board
 they Passed by & when we came Down to the River to fish we found them
 feeding their Horses making Ready to Start we had A happy meeting
 the Lord had Spared all of my Family & Relations we still enjoyed the
 Fath Spirit of the work we then took our jorney for Navo nothing
 happening worthy of Notice only A few Stangites atackted us with their
 symphys but we Did not argue with them only when they were
 impertinent we told them we would have to cast out Devils if they did
 not leave we arived in Navo in good health & spirits found that the
 twelve had started for the Rocky Mountains we staid 3 weeks & fitted
 out & started in companys organized in ten Passing Pisga & garden
 Grove where they had made farms and left some who was not prepared to
 go on we arived at liberty Pole A few Miles from the Ferry at Sarpes
 Point there we had A call make from the Government for 500 men which
 was raised in Day or two leaving Women & children on the Parary & some
 sick we crossed the River & camped at A place called Cuttess Park for
 about two Monts where cut hay around there & prepared feed for our
 cattle to Winter Driveing our stock that we did not need in herds on
 the Missoura Bottoms in Rushes then looked out A Place on the Missouri
 Bottoms & moved to it calling it Name Winter quarters 2 miles from
 Cutlers Park Rober my Brother James Craig & myself took A contract of
 getting out the Mill timbers and got it out to the aprobation of the
 presidence the High Council Voted to Remember us and if their was any

good Jobs to be given after we went over the Mountains (p.14) we should have the preference Brigham Paid us good at St Louis prices and Paid us Cash for the ballance to the Last Ct letting us change A bill of hundred Dollars and take our pay out of it leaving it in our hands three weeks when I went with it Rockwood Saying we might keep it until called for we then in the Winter comenced to Build houses my oldest Girl Janet Died of the Hives on the age Month & Days we halled wood for the Wives of those that went in the Army and got into our houses about New Year all our folks was sick but Myself I never enjoyed better Health in any country My Wife was Sick about 3 week Robert about 3 weeks all the Rest espesially My Father & Roger Luckham was sick with the Black leg, or scurvey, which was the general ~~die~~ (crossed out) diseased suposed for want of vegetable & living on Dry food William my brother his son John & Daughter Jane was sick in my house most of the winter .I sold A good Log house for A Gun watned? 10 Dollars in the Spring after living in it about 3 months costing me about 100 Dollars & we all started for the Mountains about the first of June all our Relations, (Neil my second Boy having been Run over by one of Bishop Hunter Waggon's loaded with 8 large Green Cottonwood Logs to Split with the Maul Mallet, (different writing) & Wedge to make house logs the Wheel Running over his Breast and leaving him sensless on the ground there was on the Waggon a yoke of stout cattle we call upon Phenias Richards & administered to him & put him in Apesperation with hot Brick & cloth ~~wound~~ (crossed out) round them Pouring on watter Keeping it so for three Days & 3 Nights keeping the Blood in circulation so that he never got black by the this means & the Prayer of Faith he was Miraclusley healed We ~~started~~ (crossed out) in Bishop Hunters 100 & Chaplain Storn, 50 I being A Captain of 10 we had to Hand Gaurd & herd & Drive teem yoking up cows & heifers my Wife Driving the horse teem all the way even to over the Big Mountain ariving in the valey on the first Day of October & Marget was Born on the 5 Night or before Day on the 6 So you can se what the Lord can Do to Strenthen the back for the Burthen we had the hardest time on the way of any other company having weak teems & heavy loads had to have 15 Month Provisions my horses gave out before we got to Larime so I concluded to feed them some corn & bring them through as I could not take my load without them and by feeding them A few Bushels I got them to hallow the Rest & I knew that I would have A teem & then could kill my oxen & eat them but amidst all we passed through the hand of the Lord was over us and we got safe to the place of our Destination.

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